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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its fifty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters on 15 March 2013 and from 10 to 21 March 2014. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Neli Shiolashvili (Georgia).

3. At the 2nd meeting, on 10 March, a statement was made by the Chair, Libran Cabactulan (Philippines), following his election.

4. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General addressed the Commission.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women made statements.

6. At the 5th meeting, on 11 March, the Commission heard statements by the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and by the Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women.

7. At the 6th meeting, on 12 March, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Martin Sajdik (Austria) addressed the Commission.

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B. Attendance

8. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

9. In accordance with paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers are elected to the Bureau of the Commission for a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected at the 1st and 2nd meetings of the fifty-eighth session, on 15 March 2013 and 10 March 2014, to serve on the Bureau of the Commission at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions:[1]

Chair:
Libran Cabactulan (Philippines)

Vice-Chairs:
Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador)
Neli Shiolashvili (Georgia)
Christine Loew (Switzerland)

Vice-Chair and Rapporteur:
Mohamed Elbahi (Sudan)

D. Agenda and organization of work

10. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 March 2014, the Commission adopted its agenda as contained in document E/CN.6/2014/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives:
      (i) Priority theme: challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls;
      (ii) Review theme: access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the

[1] The following officers were elected for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission only: Neli Shiolashvili (Georgia), at the 1st meeting, on 15 March 2013; and Libran Cabactulan (Philippines), at the 2nd meeting, on 10 March 2014.

promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work;

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: women's access to productive resources;

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters.

4. Communications concerning the status of women.

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session.

11. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.6/2014/1/Add.1.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

12. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/16, the following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed to the working group for the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions:

Mustafizur Rahman (Bangladesh)
Bruno Santos de Oliveira (Brazil)
Noa Furman (Israel)
Galina Khvan (Russian Federation)
Bernadette Ntaba Kadyamusuma (Zimbabwe)

F. Documentation

13. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-eighth session is available from: www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014/official-documents.